#### CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

## Project Staff Report Tax-Exempt Bond Project November 15, 2017

Mission Trails Apartments, located on Mission Trail south of Hidden Trail/Elberta Road in Lake Elsinore, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$1,053,787 in annual federal tax credits to finance the new construction of 80 units of housing serving large families with rents affordable to households earning 50-60% of area median income (AMI). The project will be developed by C&C Development Co., LLC and Orange Housing Development Corporation and will be located in Senate District 28 and Assembly District 67.

Project Number CA-17-792

**Project Name** Mission Trail Apartments

Site Address: Mission Trail south of Hidden Trail/Elberta Road

Lake Elsinore, CA 92530 County: Riverside

Census Tract: 430.01

Tax Credit AmountsFederal/AnnualState/TotalRequested:\$1,053,787\$0Recommended:\$1,053,787\$0

**Applicant Information** 

Applicant: Mission Trail LE, LP

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General Partner(s) or Principal Owner(s): Lake Elsinore CCR, LLC

OHDC Lake Elsinore, LLC

General Partner Type: Joint Venture

Parent Company(ies): C&C Development Co., LLC

Orange Housing Development Corporation

Developer: C&C Development Co., LLC

Orange Housing Development Corporation

Investor/Consultant: National Equity Fund Inc.

Management Agent: Advanced Property Services, LLC

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## **Project Information**

Construction Type: New Construction

Total # Residential Buildings: 4 Total # of Units: 81

No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 80 100.00%

Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60% Federal Subsidy: Tax-Exempt

HCD MHP Funding: No 55-Year Use/Affordability: Yes

Number of Units @ or below 50% of area median income: 21 Number of Units @ or below 60% of area median income: 59

## **Bond Information**

Issuer: California Statewide Communities Development Authority

Expected Date of Issuance: February 1, 2018

Credit Enhancement: N/A

### **Information**

Housing Type: Large Family

Geographic Area: Inland Empire Region TCAC Project Analyst: Tiffani Negrete

### **Unit Mix**

9 2-Bedroom Units

72 3-Bedroom Units

81 Total Units

Unit Type & Number		2017 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income	2017 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income	Rent (including utilities)	
9	2 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$726	
12	3 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$838	
59	3 Bedrooms	60%	60%	\$1,006	
1	3 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$0	

Proposed

Projected Lifetime Rent Benefit: \$41,847,300

**Project Cost Summary at Application** 

Land and Acquisition	\$2,035,000
Construction Costs	\$14,768,572
Rehabilitation Costs	\$0
Construction Contingency	\$1,159,886
Relocation	\$0
Architectural/Engineering	\$1,013,298
Const. Interest, Perm. Financing	\$1,578,196
Legal Fees, Appraisals	\$150,000
Reserves	\$264,950
Other Costs	\$3,600,843
Developer Fee	\$3,253,266
Commercial Costs	\$0
Total	\$27,824,011

# **Project Financing**

Estimated Total Project Cost:	\$27,824,011	Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$156
Estimated Residential Project Cost:	\$27,824,011	Per Unit Cost:	\$343,506
Estimated Commercial Project Cost:	\$0	True Cash Per Unit Cost*:	\$335,383

Residential

# **Construction Financing**

# **Permanent Financing**

Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Bank of America - T.E. Bonds	\$16,000,000	Bank of America - T.E. Bonds	\$4,811,410
Column Financial Inc.**	\$1,878,228	Column Financial Inc.**	\$1,878,228
City of Lake Elsinore	\$6,799,655	City of Lake Elsinore	\$10,215,250
Deferred Costs	\$317,750	Deferred Developer Fee	\$657,950
Deferred Developer Fee	\$2,039,487	General Partner Equity	\$753,266
General Partner Equity	\$100	Tax Credit Equity	\$9,507,907
Tax Credit Equity	\$788,791	TOTAL	\$27,824,011

<sup>\*</sup>Less Fee Waivers, Seller Carryback Loans, and Deferred Developer Fee

# **Determination of Credit Amount(s)**

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$24,941,709
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$32,424,222
Applicable Rate:	3.25%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$1,053,787
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible	Basis): \$3,253,266
Investor/Consultant:	National Equity Fund Inc.
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.90226

<sup>\*\*</sup>Column Financial Inc. - Subordinate Loan

Per Regulation Section 10327(c)(6), the "as if vacant" land value and the existing improvement value established at application, as well as the eligible basis amount derived from those values, will be used during all subsequent reviews including the placed in service review, for the purpose of determining the final award of Tax Credits.

Per Regulation Section 10327(c)(2)(C), once established at the initial funded application, the developer fee cannot be increased, but may be decreased, in the event of a modification in basis.

### **Eligible Basis and Basis Limit**

Requested Unadjusted Eligible Basis:	\$24,941,709
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$24,941,709
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$28,567,584
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$35,995,156

#### **Adjustments to Basis Limit**

55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction – 1% for Each 1% of Low-Income Units are Income Targeted between 50% AMI & 36% AMI: 26%

### **Cost Analysis and Line Item Review**

Staff analysis of project costs to determine reasonableness found all fees to be within TCAC's underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitations. Annual operating expenses exceed the minimum operating expenses established in the Regulations, and the project pro forma shows a positive cash flow from year one. Staff has calculated federal tax credits based on 3.25% of the qualified basis. Applicants are cautioned to consider the expected federal rate when negotiating with investors. TCAC's financial evaluation at project completion will determine the final allocation.

**Special Issues/Other Significant Information:** None.

### **Local Reviewing Agency**

The Local Reviewing Agency, the City of Lake Elsinore, has completed a site review of this project and strongly supports this project.

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Committee make a preliminary reservation of tax credits in the following amount(s) contingent upon standard conditions and any additional conditions imposed by the Committee:

Federal Tax Credits/Annual State Tax Credits/Total \$1,053,787 \$0

#### **Standard Conditions**

If applicant is receiving tax-exempt bond financing from other than CalHFA, the applicant shall apply for a bond allocation from the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee's next scheduled meeting, if not previously granted an allocation; shall have received an allocation from CDLAC; and, shall issue bonds within time limits specified by CDLAC.

The applicant anticipates financing more than 50% of the project aggregate basis with tax-exempt bond proceeds as calculated by the project tax professional. Therefore, the federal credit reserved for this project will not count against the annual ceiling.

The IRS has advised TCAC that the amount of tax-exempt bonds issued, equivalent to at least 50% of aggregate basis, must remain in place through the first year of the credit period or until eligible basis is finally determined.

TCAC makes the preliminary reservation only for the project specified above in the form presented, and involving the parties referred to in the application. No changes in the development team or the project as presented will be permitted without the express approval of TCAC.

The applicant must pay TCAC a reservation fee calculated in accordance with regulation. Additionally, TCAC requires the project owner to pay a monitoring fee before issuance of tax forms.

As project costs are preliminary estimates only, staff recommends that a reservation be made in the amount of federal credit and state credit shown above on condition that the final project costs be supported by itemized lender approved costs and certified costs after the buildings are placed in service.

All unexpended funds in reserve accounts established for the project must remain with the project to be used for the benefit of the property and/or its residents, except for the portion of any accounts funded with deferred developer fees.

All fees charged to the project must be within TCAC limitations. Fees in excess of these limitations will not be considered when determining the amount of credit when the project is placed-in-service.

The applicant/owner shall be subject to underwriting criteria set forth in Section 10327 of the regulations through the final feasibility analysis performed by TCAC at placed-in-service.

Credit awards are contingent upon applicant's acceptance of any revised total project cost, qualified basis and tax credit amount determined by TCAC in its final feasibility analysis.

Additional Conditions: None.